

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, October 13, 2020
4:30 p.m., Virtual Meeting via GoToMeeting

PRESENT: Jennifer Tigges, Robin Kennicker, Hobie Wood, Ray Werner, Rob McCoy, Justin Hochberger and Jessica Ochoa

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Steve Fehsal, Dan Kroger, Kristen Dietz, and Wally Wernimont.

CALL TO ORDER: Werner called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED, VOTE:

It was moved by McCoy, seconded by Wood, to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2020 meeting. Unanimous.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None.

EAGLE POINT PARK ARCHEOLOGY SURVEY UPDATE (PRESENTED BY WALLY WERNIMONT):

Planning Service Manager, Wally Wernimont presented a memo with information regarding Eagle Point Park Continued Phase 1 Archaeology Survey including the Proposal for Intensive Survey and Evaluation, Eagle Point Park, Dubuque, Iowa. Manager Wernimont focused on page 26 of the commission packet which included Eagle Point Park continued Phase 1 Archaeology Survey Vicinity Map that outlined the primary area of the survey. Page 28 of commission packet was also focused on which was the section map and highlights Eagle Point Park New Section. Commissioners thanked Manager Wernimont for the presentation and his assistance with the project.

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION OF DUBUQUE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NRC/PRESCOTT AGREEMENT:

Recreation Manager, Kroger presented the Dubuque Community School District NRC/Prescott Agreement. Currently this agreement includes usage of the center by the Leisure Services Department for programming and the duration of the agreement is ten years. It was moved by Kennicker, seconded by Wood to recommend approval of the Dubuque Community School District NRC/Prescott Agreement. Unanimous.

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION OF HILLCREST FAMILY SERVICES – REFLECTION IN THE PARK AGREEMENT:

Park Division Manager, Fehsal presented the Hillcrest Family Services – Reflection in the Park Agreement. Fehsal noted that due to pandemic and preparation that commission review of agreement has been postponed until next year. Commissioner Tigges stated she had done some research to propose a higher agreement amount but needs additional time for review. It was moved by Tigges to recommend agreement presented with further research to be done in the future for possible higher amount. It was seconded by McCoy. Unanimous.

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION OF VIRTUAL VERSUS IN-PERSON FUTURE MEETINGS:

Commissioner Wood stated the ease and safety of having virtual versus in-person meetings. It was moved by Wood to discuss virtual versus in-person future meetings at the January meeting. It was seconded by McCoy. Unanimous.

MANAGER REPORTS – COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

Park Division Manager, Fehsal noted the last day for park pavilion rentals and Miller Riverview Campground is October 25th and that Miller Riverview Campground has been extremely busy this season. Commissioner Tigges mentioned that her and her family went out to Miller Riverview Campground a couple weekends back and that it was packed. Fehsal also thanked Commissioner Tigges and the Sunny Slopes neighborhood for helping pull weeds and spread playground mulch at Teddy Bear Park.

Recreation Division Manager, Kroger noted that Program Supervisors developed a Supervised Study Hall support program and through the partnership with the local schools it is hopeful to branch the program to additional elementary schools downtown. Kroger stated that staff were brainstorming ideas for this winter season of additional programming options.

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS/QUESTIONS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Kennicker, seconded by Wood, to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 p.m. Unanimous.